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Department of Correction

Quarterly Report on the Status of Prison Overcrowding, First Quarter of 1995

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1995 First Quarter Report

Section Twenty-one of Chapter 799 of the Acts of 1985 directs the Commissioner of Correction to report quarterly on the status of overcrowding in the state and county facilities. This statute calls for the following information;

Such report shall include, by facility, the average daily census for the period of the report and the actual census on the second and last days of the report period. Said report shall also contain such information for the previous twelve months and a comparison to the rated capacity of such facility.

This report presents the required statistics for the first quarter of 1995.

This report was prepared by Ramon V. Raagas of the Research Division and is based on daily count sheets prepared by the Classification Division. Table 5 is based on Admission and Release rosters submitted by the institutions.

Technical Notes

- The official capacity or security level designation for each facility can change for a number of reasons, e.g. expansion of facility beds, decrease of facility beds due to fire, or changes in contracts with vendors. In all tables the capacity and security level reflects the status at the end of the reporting period. The design capacity is reported for correctional facilities in Tables 1, 2, 3, and 4. On August 10, 1993, the state terminated its contracts with Mass. Halfway House, Inc., Spectrum House, Faith House, Hillside, and Day Reporting Center. This resulted in the elimination of 96 beds.
- On January 31, 1995, the design capacity for the Departmental Segregation Units (DSU) at MCI-Cedar Junction and MCI-Norfolk were taken off the count sheets. The segregation units are considered support beds and are not shown on the daily count sheet as design capacity. This resulted in the elimination of 91 beds from the previous quarterly reports.
- In previous quarterly reports, the population figures for PPREP were included with the Park Drive population. The PPREP population is reported independently starting in the fourth quarter of 1994.
- The population figures for all facilities include both male and female inmates.
- State inmates housed in the Hampshire county contract program are included in the county population tables as are all other state inmates housed in county facilities.
- Longwood Treatment Center is a specialized DOC facility for individuals incarcerated for O.U.I. Because the inmates are primarily county sentenced inmates, the inmate count and bed capacity are also included in Tables 3 and 4.
- Pondville Correctional Center is a minimum/pre-release security facility formerly known as Norfolk Pre-Release Center.
- The Massachusetts Boot Camp opened on August 17, 1992, and is located at the Bridgewater Correctional complex in Bridgewater, Massachusetts. Prior to 1993, the Boot Camp had been listed as a DOC minimum security facility. Beginning with the first quarter of 1993, the Boot Camp is listed along with Bridgewater SH, AC, TC and Longwood TC in Tables 1 and 2. As with Longwood, most of the Boot Camp inmates are from the county houses of correction, so the Boot Camp is also listed with the county facilities in Tables 3 and 4.
- Norfolk includes Braintree, Dedham, and Norfolk Contract. Middlesex includes both Billerica and Cambridge. Berkshire includes the pre-release facility. Suffolk-South Bay includes the contract facility. Essex includes Middleton, and Lawrence Alternative Center. Bristol includes Dartmouth, Eastern Mass. Alternative Center and Pre-Release.
- Nashua Street inmates housed at other facilities are reported in the counts for the facilities in which they were in custody.
- On June, 1993, Plymouth House of Correction added 833 beds making a total of 1,140 beds.

Abbreviations

AC	- Addiction Center	NCCI	- North Central Correctional Institution at Gardner
ADP	- Average Daily Population	OSCC	- Old Colony Correctional Center
ATU	- Awaiting Trial Unit	OUI	- Operating Under the Influence
CRS	- Contract Residential Services Includes Charlotte House, and Houston House	PPREP	- Pre-Parole Residential Environmental Phase Program
DDU	- Departmental Disciplinary Unit	PRC	- Pre-Release Center
DSU	- Departmental Segregation Unit	SECC	- Southeastern Correctional Center
DRC	- Day Reporting Center	SDPTC	- Sexually Dangerous Person Treatment Center
Drug Rehab	- Includes Meridian House, Treatment Ctr. and Spectrum House	SMCC	- South Middlesex Correctional Center (formerly SMPRC)
LCAC	- Lawrence Correctional Alternative Ctr.	SH	- State Hospital
MHHI	- Massachusetts Halfway Houses Inc. includes Temporary Housing Project, McGrath and Brooke House	TC	- Treatment Center
NECC	- Northeastern Correctional Center	WSATP	- Women's Substance Abuse Treatment Program. Includes Faith House and Griffin House

Table 1 provides the DOC figures for the first quarter of 1995. As this table indicates, the DOC population (excluding Bridgewater SH, SDPTC, AC, Longwood TC, Mass. Boot Camp) increased by 68 inmates during the first quarter. At the end of the quarter, the DOC operated with 9,687 inmates in the system, and the average daily population was 9,713 with a design capacity of 6,437. Thus, the DOC operated at 151 percent of design capacity.

**Population in Department of Correction Facilities,
January 3, 1995 to March 31, 1995**

Facility	Average Daily Population	Beginning Population	Ending Population	Design Capacity	% ADP Capacity
Cedar Junction	758	828	711	633	120%
Concord	1,358	1,290	1,409	514	264%
Framingham - ATU	102	89	120	64	159%
Framingham	460	438	456	388	119%
Norfolk	1,326	1,315	1,339	988	134%
Bay State	277	263	257	266	104%
NCCI	1,015	1,002	1,016	568	179%
OCCC	718	716	728	488	147%
SECC	747	723	756	356	210%
Shirley-Medium	1,092	1,089	1,094	720	152%
Sub-Total	7,853	7,753	7,886	4,985	158%
NCC	252	255	194	150	168%
SECC-Minimum	177	186	179	200	89%
Lancaster-Male	204	204	202	94	217%
Lancaster-Female	70	78	70	59	119%
Plymouth	181	183	176	151	120%
Pondville	200	201	194	100	200%
Shirley-Lower	398	407	400	403	99%
SMCC	163	154	163	125	130%
Hodder House	28	23	30	35	80%
Boston State	95	94	95	55	173%
Park Drive	41	40	45	50	82%
Charlotte	14	14	15	15	93%
Houston House	11	11	10	15	73%
PREPP	26	16	28	n a	n a
Sub-Total	1,860	1,866	1,801	1,452	128%
Total	9,713	9,619	9,687	6,437	151%
Bridgewater SH	304	303	323	337	90%
Bridgewater TC	209	212	209	216	97%
Bridgewater AC	183	174	184	430	43%
Longwood TC	143	129	148	125	114%
Mass Boot Camp	100	93	120	256	39%
Sub-Total	939	911	984	1,364	69%
Grand Total	10,652	10,530	10,671	7,801	137%
Houses of Correction	944	951	927	n a	n a
Federal Prisons	28	28	28	n a	n a
Inter-State Contract	69	69	69	n a	n a

Table 2 provides the DOC figures for the previous twelve months - i.e., for the period January 5, to December 30, 1994. These figures indicate that the DOC population decreased by 29 over this twelve-month period (excluding Bridgewater SH, SDPTC, AC, Longwood TC, Mass. Boot Camp), from 9,670 in January, 1994 to 9,641 in September, 1994.

**Population in Department of Correction Facilities,
January 5, 1994 to December 30, 1994**

Facility	Average Daily Population	Beginning Population	Ending Population	Design Capacity	% ADP Capacity
Cedar Junction	827	823	828	693	119%
Concord	1,296	1,288	1,297	514	252%
Framingham - ATU	91	82	86	64	142%
Framingham	421	371	440	388	109%
Norfolk	1,302	1,280	1,317	1,019	128%
Bay State	265	266	266	266	100%
NCCI	1,003	1,008	1,002	568	177%
OCCC	715	718	717	488	147%
SECC	721	730	720	356	203%
Shirley-Medium	1,089	1,084	1,077	720	151%
Sub-Total	7,730	7,660	7,750	5,076	152%
NCC	257	249	261	150	171%
SECC-Minimum	195	200	186	200	98%
Lancaster-Male	202	200	203	94	215%
Lancaster-Female	74	79	78	59	125%
Plymouth	210	212	192	151	139%
Pondville	197	202	201	100	197%
Shirley-Lower	413	415	407	403	102%
SMCC	184	195	152	125	147%
Hodder House	26	26	24	35	74%
Boston State	90	101	91	55	164%
Park Drive	81	105	71	50	162%
Charlotte	13	13	14	15	87%
Houston House	9	13	11	15	60%
Sub-Total	1,951	2,010	1,891	1,452	134%
Total	9,681	9,670	9,641	6,528	148%
Bridgewater SH	310	295	300	337	92%
Bridgewater TC	213	217	213	212	100%
Bridgewater AC	180	171	182	430	42%
Longwood TC	144	142	130	125	115%
Mass. Boot Camp	122	18	94	256	48%
Sub-Total	969	843	919	1,360	71%
Grand Total	10,650	10,513	10,560	7,888	135%
Houses of Correction	876	871	963	n a	n a
Federal Prisons	28	30	28	n a	n a
Inter-State Contract	65	65	69	n a	n a

Table 3 presents the county figures for the first quarter of 1995. The county population increased by 870 inmates during this quarter. At the end of the quarter, the county system operated with 10,937 inmates, and the average daily population was 10,620 in facilities with a total design capacity of 8,241. Thus, the county system operated at 129 percent of design capacity.

**Population in County Correctional Facilities,
January 3, 1995 to March 31, 1995**

Facility	Average Daily Population	Beginning Population	Ending Population	Design Capacity	% ADP Capacity
Barnstable	275	260	287	110	250%
Berkshire	226	203	244	116	195%
Bristol	999	969	1,021	666	150%
Dukes	20	17	20	19	105%
Essex	1,146	1,077	1,182	635	180%
Franklin	117	116	128	63	186%
Hampden	1,428	1,390	1,470	1,178	121%
Hampden-OUI	131	126	131	125	105%
Hampshire	255	250	236	248	103%
Middlesex	1,219	1,098	1,289	792	154%
Norfolk	552	490	551	379	146%
Plymouth	1,103	1,072	1,060	1,140	97%
Suffolk-Nashua St	489	492	531	453	108%
Suffolk-So Bay	1,395	1,340	1,443	1,146	122%
Worcester	1,022	945	1,076	790	129%
Longwood TC	143	129	148	125	114%
Mass Boot Camp	100	93	120	256	39%
Total	10,620	10,067	10,937	8,241	129%

Table 4 presents the county figures for the previous twelve months. These figures indicate that the county population increased by 1,002 inmates or 11 percent over this twelve-month period, from 9,162 in January, 1994 to 10,164 in December, 1994.

**Population in County Correctional Facilities,
January 5, 1994 to December 30, 1994**

Facility	Average Daily Population	Beginning Population	Ending Population	Design Capacity	% ADP Capacity
Barnstable	216	201	252	110	196%
Berkshire	213	194	207	116	184%
Bristol	988	906	979	666	148%
Dukes	17	13	17	19	89%
Essex	1,136	1,120	1,078	635	179%
Franklin	118	98	111	63	187%
Hampden	1,360	1,320	1,413	1,178	115%
Hampden-OUI	118	121	127	125	94%
Hampshire	253	242	251	248	102%
Middlesex	1,136	1,051	1,113	792	143%
Norfolk	537	504	496	379	142%
Plymouth	730	490	1,069	1,140	64%
Suffolk-Nashua St	471	434	512	453	104%
Suffolk-So Bay	1,323	1,286	1,353	1,146	115%
Worcester	1,010	1,022	962	790	128%
Longwood TC	144	142	130	125	115%
Mass Boot Camp	122	18	94	256	48%
Total	9,892	9,162	10,164	8,241	120%

Table 5 provides statistics on court commitments to the DOC in 1994 and 1995. Overall, there has been an increase of 266, or 36 percent, in commitments for the first quarter of 1995 in comparison with the number of commitments in 1994, from 737 to 1,003. Commitments to Cedar Junction for the first quarter of 1995 increased by 123, or 25 percent when compared to the 1994 figure. Overall, male commitments for 1995 increased by 100, or 19 percent from 1994. Commitments to Framingham during 1995 increased by 166, or 83 percent compared to the number of commitments during the same period of 1994.

Court Commitments to the DOC			
	1994	1995	Difference
MCI-Cedar Junction			
First Quarter	497	620	25 %
MCI-Concord			
First Quarter	39	16	-57 %
Total Males	536	636	19 %
MCI-Framingham			
First Quarter	201	367	83 %
Total Females	201	367	83 %
Grand Total	737	1,003	36 %

Figure 1 provides a graphical representation of the number of court commitments to the DOC committing institutions during the first quarter of 1994 and the first quarter of 1995.

